South Aiken Presbyterian Church

1711 Whiskey Rd.

Aiken, SC 29803

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021 **8:45 am and 11:00 am**
(Please stand, if able when indicated by an *) (PA=Pulpit Assistant)

Prelude **Scott Chappell**

Welcome & Announcements **Jim Stutts**

The Chiming (*Handbell rung three times, one for God the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Spirit*)

Introit ***Sanctuary*** John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 19: 1-4) (Responsively):*

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork .

Many: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

ALL: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Hymn# 634** ***To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Refrain: **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!**
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)***:**

Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes do not give our best to your kingdom and mission. Our attitudes toward excellence have waned. Forgive us, O God, and restore to us the joy of salvation and an attitude of excellence in all we do through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(*in silence confess personal sins to God****)***

PA: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

PA: As the water is poured into the font, let us remember God gave us God's best.
By the grace and the Holy Spirit, let us grow in an attitude of excellence for God's kingdom, our family, and ourselves.

The Font *(pouring of the water)*

The Peace *(Responsively) (8:45 am and 11:00 am)*

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Many: And also with you.

Children's Moment *(8:45am* **and** *11:00 am)* **Michelle Lorio**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem ***O Love*** Elaine Hagenberg

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Old Testament Lessons: **Deuteronomy 26: 8-11, Proverbs 3: 9-10**

Epistle Lesson: **1 Corinthians 10: 23-31**

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"*Our Best*"** **Rev. Jason Hammersley**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn # 468** ***In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

***Affirmation of Faith *(Unison)*: A Brief Statement of Faith** (*excerpt*)

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession *(Church, world, our nation, communities, individuals, the future)*

Offering of Gifts *(online or place your gifts in the plates in the Narthex)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Hymn# 627** ***I Love You, Lord *(as directed)*

I love you, Lord,

And I lift my voice to worship you;

O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Hymn # 288** ***Spirit of the Living God *(as directed)*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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